

**RALEIGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2012**  
**MINUTES**

The Raleigh Transit Authority met on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 3:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Room 201 of the Raleigh Municipal Building with the following board members present.

Roger Kosak, Presiding  
Jane Thurman  
Corey Branch  
Craig Ralph  
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**ABSENT:**

Joseph Springer  
Regina Price  
Stacey Carless  
Gerry Cohen  
Les Seitz

Others present included David Eatman, Mike Kennon and Scott McClellan.

Acting Vice-Chair, Roger Kosak called the meeting to order with the following discussions and actions as shown.

Mr. Jeff Bandini was replaced by the Raleigh City Council at the February 7, 2012 meeting. The Council named Mr. Corey Branch as the regular member and declared a vacancy for an alternate. Mr. Gaylord nominated Jason Horne for the alternate position.

Acting Vice-Chair Roger Kosak noted for the record that a quorum was not met at the beginning of the Raleigh Transit Authority meeting.

**AGENDA – APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

No changes or additions were made to the agenda. Without objection, the agenda was approved for discussion.

**MINUTES - January 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes held over for approval at March 2012 RTA Meeting.**

The January 12<sup>th</sup> RTA minutes will be submitted for approval at the March RTA meeting. The January 12<sup>th</sup> minutes will be sent via email upon receipt.

## **RTA POLICY HANDBOOK**

RTA Transit Policies require editing and have been forwarded to the appropriate RTA Committees for review. Policies are being returned to the Raleigh Transit Authority to be reaffirmed by the committee as a whole.

Recommendation: Without a quorum this matter will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

## **WAKE COUNTY TRANSIT PLAN**

Tim Gardner, Planner for Wake County presented the Wake County Transit Plan to the Raleigh Transit Authority. The Wake County Transit Plan is derived from Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's and recently completed Bus Transit Plan and Triangle Transit's Alternative Analysis on Rail.

Mr. Tim Gardner presented in detail the following presentation on the Wake County Transit Plan.

Wake county residents and commuters will have more transportation choices under the proposed new transit plan that offers vastly expanded local and regional transit service. Light rail also is provided, but would be built only if state and federal government funds were available.

The plan would connect Wake County's municipalities, major employment centers and colleges and universities, and give all citizens many more choices about how to get to work, school or other activities.

The plan is divided into two parts: (1) **The Core Transit Plan** – expanded bus service and commuter rail, this is what can be delivered with locally generated money from a ½ cent sales tax, vehicle registration fee, and other sources of revenue.

(2) **The Enhanced Transit Plan** – light rail from downtown Cary to North Raleigh – would need state and federal funding to be implemented.

Mr. Gardner further elaborated on cost measures and funding stating; expanded bus services, commuter rail and capital projects-known as the Core Transit Plan –will be paid for with local funds, without relying on federal or State funding beyond what is already provided for existing services.

Go to the following site to view the plan in its entirety.

The entire Wake County Transit Plan is available online at:  
<http://www.wakegov.com/transportation/transitplan.htm>

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Graham Oliver requested a status on the high speed rail center proposal from Union Station, Washington, DC to Raleigh, NC. Mr. Oliver wants to see work on Union Station in Raleigh. High Speed rail from Washington, DC to Charlotte is going to be the center of our operation here in Raleigh.

### **Quorum Established**

Mr. Kosak directed the board to revisit Action Agenda item A. Transit Policies, from the opening of the meeting when a quorum was not available.

Action: Mr. Craig Ralph motioned for approval of the Transit Policies and Roger Kosak 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion agreed upon unanimously by the board.

## **MOORE SQUARE**

David Eatman delivered an update on Moore Square Station to include the following: The Union Station project is considered to be a large project in the future but the immediate need is for general improvement for Moore Square. This plan is presently awaiting a Categorical Exclusion proposal. As soon as this document can be approved by the Federal Transit Administration the project will move forward.

Roger Kosak suggests the RTA board visit the City of Charlotte new bus facility. Mr. Kosak stated it has good flow and inter-connects with the light rail.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kosak, Chair for Finance Committee met on January 26, 2012. Transit Policies were discussed and will be forwarded back to the RTA for adoption at a later date.

## **MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Jane Thurman, Chair, presented for the Marketing Committee which met on January 26, 2012. Ms. Thurman introduced the Adopt a Shelter proposal to the board for consideration. Ms. Thurman also brought the RTA board up-to-date on the committee's involvement with COR IT division to simplify the CAT segment of the COR's website and the need to streamline certain aspects for the public to view with ease. Councilor Mary-Ann Baldwin has been invited to the RTA Business Meeting on March 9, 2012. Craig Ralph proposed the Marketing Committee consider reviewing the need for the COR to set certain fees for races and parades. Mr. Ralph hopes to address it further with the Marketing Committee at the March 2012 Marketing Committee meeting.

## **ROUTE COMMITTEE**

Roger Kosak stated the Transit Policies have been updated and will be forwarded back to the RTA board for approval and adoption at an upcoming meeting.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

David Eatman reported that CAT has experienced a 19.28 % overall rider increase compared to this time last year.

Craig Ralph inquired about Sales Revenue on page 9 of the Statistics report and stated the pre-purchase passes appeared down in revenue.

David Eatman stated this percentage can vary especially with large contract revenue.

Craig Ralph again recognized Mr. Jeff Bandini's resignation from the previous City Council meeting. Corey Branch has been moved up to a regular member for the RTA board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Coleman-Bullock